[Mr. K. R. Narayana Aiyar]

(*d*) Thovala Taluk:—

Wheat	...	404 bags
Pulses	...	16 ,,
Wheat products	...	16 ,,

Agastiswaram Taluk:—

Wheat	...	1276 bags
Maize	...	41 ,,
Bajra	...	338 ,,
Moong or pulses	...	214 ,, (Up to 30-11-1120)

MR. VARKALA K. MADHAVAN (*Neyyattinkara* cum *Trivandrum*): May I know whether they expect consignment of paddy from Burma in the near future?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: It is a hypothetical question. We cannot say.

Sale of paddy.

392 *MR. A. P. UDAYABHANU (*Karunagapalli* cum *Kartika-palli*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether in the Karunagapalli taluk the paddy is sold at the original rate and the margin caused by the reduced rate is appropriated towards the Vanchi Poor Fund?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: No. The answer to the second part of the question does not arise in view of the answer to the first part.

MR. A. P. UDAYABHANU: Has any complaint been received with regard to the sale of sugar and kerosene oil?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: No, Sir.

MR. A. P. UDAYABHANU: Has not the honourable member Mr. K. G. Kesavan Nair brought such a complaint to the notice of the Government?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: He has brought to notice certain irregularities on the part of the officers and they are under enquiry.

MR. A. P. UDAYABHANU: Do they not relate to the sale of rice and sugar?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: No, Sir.

PRESIDENT: What is the suggestion when it is asked "the paddy is sold at the original rate and the margin caused by the increased rates is appropriated to the Vanchi Poor Fund". Is it appropriated by the officer or the Government?

MR. A. P. UDAYABHANU: The margin in the price is allotted for the Vanchi Poor Fund. That is what I am told.

PRESIDENT: I think it must be made clear although I personally do not think that there should be such a ban placed on the Vanchi Poor Fund as one party in this House wishes. I still consider that it is extremely irrelevant on the part of any officer of Government to make himself out as canvassing or doing any work for the collection of money for the Vanchi Poor Fund in the course of his official duty. That does not mean that an officer should not be connected with the

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management of the Vanchi Poor Fund in the locality in question or that he should not do propaganda on behalf of the Vanchi Poor Fund in his locality. Government will welcome such propaganda and would encourage such propaganda being carried on because that Fund is utilised for the noon-day food of school children, a duty which Government normally would have to undertake to a much larger extent than what is being done. Therefore every officer of Government will be encouraged if he conducts propaganda work in and around his locality for the collection of money to the Vanchi Poor Fund. But in the course his official duties it is neither his function nor business to give any idea of compulsion such as has been suggested in the case of War Fund in certain localities of this country. We have not collected any fund for war purposes and Honourable members are not fully aware of that aspect of the matter when they put such questions. Government have always tried to prevent officials making use of their official position to do any collection work under the guise of their official conduct. If such action is brought to the notice of Government it will be seriously censured and taken note of.

MR. A. P. UDAYABHANU: I had nothing against the Vanchi Poor Fund or the officers doing propaganda for it. What I wanted to point out was that the officers were abusing their official position for the collection of money for the Vanchi Poor Fund.

Stud bulls.

393 * **MR. P. M. VARGHESE** (*Minachil* cum *Thodupuzha*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) how many stud bulls owned by the Government are there in the State;

(*b*) which are the places where they are kept and what is the charge, if any, levied when let out for public use;

(*c*) how many bulls are kept by private agencies receiving grant from the Government; and

(*d*) who are the owners so keeping them and which are the places where they (bulls) are kept?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: (*a*) Six.

(*b*) The bulls are kept at Trivandrum. The fee levied for one service is Chs. 14.

(*c*) Twenty-five bulls.

(*d*) A *list containing the required information is laid on the table.

MR. P. M. VARGHESE: Answer to part (*c*) of the question is that 25 bulls are kept by private agencies receiving grant. May I know whether there were any other applications for grants to seed bulls?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: There were a number of applications for grants for maintaining seed bulls. The Veterinary Superintendent went round and inspected the bulls as to whether these deserved grants.

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